

# TELL-E-GRAM

**FEBRUARY 12, 2019** 



# **WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES EXPLAINED**

### PARKER OWEN, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Why is my water and sewer bill going up? That is a question that many Tellico Village homeowners may ask as they view their initial water and sewer bill in January 2019. At the November 2018 TVPOA Board Meeting, a rate increase of 6% was approved for both the water and sewer portions of your bills. These increases were not made without careful consideration of the costs of providing these essential services. They also recognize our financial position as we reflect on 2018 and form expectations for 2019 and beyond. Even with the rate increases, TVPOA is among the lowest cost suppliers of water and sewer services in this region.

To understand the rate increases, we first must understand how our system operates and how costs are determined. TVPOA, Inc. does not own or operate a water purification plant or a sewage treatment plant. We buy water and sewer services from Loudon Utility Board and Tellico Area Services System. However, TVPOA owns and operates the distribution system that pipes water to each home in the Village. We also own and operate the collection system that collects sewer waste water in the tank located in your backyard and pumps that waste water to the treatment plants in Loudon and Vonore. Since Tellico Village is located at or near lake level (the lowest elevation in our area), a system of pumps and lift stations must be used to move waste water uphill to

### **POA MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

February 13, 10 a.m., Recreation Advisory Committee, Wellness Center February 15, 9 a.m., FAC, POA Conference Room February 18, 1 p.m., Dock Captains, POA Conference Room February 18, 3 p.m., GAC, POA Conference Room

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the point that it can flow to the treatment plants. Both the water and sewer systems are pressurized and require constant preventative and restorative maintenance.

Every water system in the country experiences water losses due to leakage, breaks, and other miscellaneous causes. TVPOA is no exception, and with a concerted effort to identify and repair the sources of these losses, water loss has been reduced from 33% to 20%. Since we buy our water at wholesale rates and sell at retail, any losses are an ongoing cost of doing business that must be reflected in our pricing. The State of Tennessee sets standards for water system losses and we are within the limits of those state standards with our goal of reducing loss even further.

The water and sewer distribution and collection systems are as old as the Village itself, built from 1986 through the early 1990s. Any system over 30 years old requires a high level of maintenance. The PVC pipe used to construct the system has an expected lifespan of 50 years or more, but cracks and breaks can occur, especially at the joints where pipes connect or where turns are made. With changes in temperature, pressure, and within the daily use cycle, underground pipes move slightly, which can cause cracks and leaks over time. When we become aware of a leak, we repair it immediately. We also have an annual program that uses a combination of sound and correlation leak detection techniques to "hear" leaks underground and identify lines in need of repair. Unfortunately, because it is a pressurized system, the next weakest spot in the system becomes vulnerable to being the next point of failure each time a leak is repaired.

In 2018, we reported a small positive net income for both water and sewer. However, there are two factors that are cause for concern going forward. First, our practice for accounting for water and sewer connection fees has been to reflect those fees as revenues in the water and sewer departments respectively. Until recently, that practice did not matter much as new home construction recovered slowly from the recession of 2008, and connection fees had not been increased for many years. However, in the last several years, home building has recovered to near pre-recession levels and connection fees have increased significantly. So, these connection revenues that were not very material just a few years ago, are now a significant source of income. Connection fees help fund the Water & Sewer Reserve to provide for major capital and maintenance projects for the water and sewer systems. They are not intended to subsidize current water and sewer operations, yet that is the way they have been depicted in our reporting methods. Beginning with the 2019 budget and 2019 financial reporting, water and sewer connection fees will be reported as part of the Utility Installations Department, which also includes the installations of in-ground sewer tanks for new home construction. We believe this is the proper treatment of these revenues and costs and will leave the water and sewer departments reporting revenues and costs of current operations.

Secondly, the costs of our water and sewer systems maintenance exceeded 2018 budgets substantially, with higher maintenance costs projected for 2019 and beyond. The budget for water and sewer maintenance was increased substantially for 2019 and these higher costs are reflected in the new user fees. The wholesale cost of purchased water and sewer services is also increasing. While we are currently enjoying the benefits of a fixed rate water contract with Loudon Utilities Board, our sewer rates are subject to increases. As for our contract with Tellico Area Services System, both water and sewer rates are subject to increases. Purchased water and sewer services amount to about 35% to 40% of our overall costs of operations, and the remaining is the cost of operating and maintaining our systems. Both are increasing and must be covered in the rate structure.

With these changes reflected in the 2019 budget, a 6% rate increase on both water and sewer was required to achieve a modest level of positive net income. Even so, our margins are very thin with net income of only 3.3% of sales. We will manage our water and sewer resources carefully to ensure our services are reliable and cost competitive.

Toward the goal of providing exceptional value for our Tellico Village customers, we participate each year in the Annual Utility Rate Survey conducted by the East Tennessee Development District. The study is conducted in the summer, so rate comparisons reflect TVPOA's 2018 rates against others' 2018 rates.

For the 2018 survey, the TVPOA water rate for 5,000 gallons was \$28.16 versus the East Tennessee Development District average of \$42.66 for 5,000 gallons, which is 34% lower. The TVPOA wastewater rate for 5,000 gallons was \$39.74 versus the ETDD average of \$57.02, or 30% lower. Many Tellico Village households of one or two

people, who do not use household water for lawn irrigation, typically only use the minimum 2,000 gallons per month for water and sewer. Their minimum bill in 2018 was \$44.10 for water and sewer combined, including all taxes and fees. Reflecting the 6% increase in fees for 2019, the minimum bill in the Loudon County portion of Tellico Village will be \$46.76 per month, an increase of \$2.65. The Monroe County minimum is a few cents higher due to higher local sales taxes.

# JANUARY 29TH TELL-E-GRAM — CLARIFICATON

The following statement from Parker Owen, CFO, addresses the Comparative Financial Analysis that was included in the Board meeting highlights in the January 29th Tell-E-Gram:

"Maintenance expenses for the year were \$862K over budget, with variances spread among several areas. Tank installations were over budget \$327K due to the higher number of housing starts and tank installations. Water and sewer line repairs were over budget by \$168K and \$72K respectively. Lift station repairs required an additional \$55K above budget. First impressions renovations at the Wellness Center required \$77K that was unbudgeted. We advanced the paving of 6 feeder streets off of Sequoyah Road from 2019 into 2018 at \$106K because it was more economical to do that work while the people and equipment were already mobilized for the Sequoyah Road project."

# **BOARD WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS**

### 2019 Board AOIs/Goals - Rick Blough, Vice President

- Effectively oversee improvements to village infrastructure and amenities.
- Restructure guidance and processes needed to more effectively manage Village growth.
- Develop tools for strategic management of Village finances.
- Improve POA's ability to effectively improve communications and governance processes.

### 2019 Marketing Objectives - Beth Kuberka, Marketing and Communications Director

- Determine the most likely outlook for Tellico Village real estate market over the next five years.
- Prepare for potential change in the economy and housing market.
- Re-design keyword strategy to better fit the way people use mobile devices to gather information.
- Sustain 2018 success and performance as the strongest in Village history.

#### Project Updates - Jeff Gagley, Public Works Director

- Toqua Clubhouse: Demolition is completed. Grading and digging footers will begin soon. This project is on time and on budget.
- Kahite Community Center: We are allowing the ground to dry as much as possible following heavy rainfall. This project is on time and on budget.
- Wellness Center HVAC Dehumidication System: The dehumidifier is in operation and being tweaked to meet our needs. Public Works will install fencing to protect the unit and hide it from sight. This project is 10 days behind due to delivery delays and weather, but is on budget.

Click on the following links to view the full presentation slides:

https://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/February-OPEN-Board-Workshop-2-5-19.1-21.pdf https://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/February-OPEN-Board-Workshop-2-5-19.2-21.pdf

# **WELLNESS CENTER POOL UPDATE**

The indoor pools will re-open Wednesday, February 13th for lap and open swimmers only. All water classes will resume Monday, February 18th. Thank you for your patience and support while we work to improve our recreation facilities!

# STAFF CHANGE



Jessica Miles, a former member of TVPOA's Marketing department, has said goodbye to Tellico Village to stay home with her new baby girl. We were sad to see her go, but extend our best wishes to Jessica, her husband Chris, and baby Olive as their family begins this new chapter.

We're excited to introduce Amanda Parks as our new Marketing Content Coordinator. She was hired at the beginning of February to take over the position, and will be responsible for the Tell-E-Grams, quarterly newsletters, and web content. If you have annoucements for the Tell-E-Gram, wish to be added to the email list, or just want to say hello, you may reach Amanda at aparks@tvpoa.org.



# LIONS EXPAND LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PILL CONTAINERS

Based on feedback from Matthew 26, the Ohio organization that collects and distributes used pill containers worldwide, the list of acceptable containers has been expanded. In addition to the brown, screw-cap containers previously listed, virtually any plastic container used to store medical type products, vitamins, OTC drugs, etc., are now acceptable.

As in the past, the labels along with any contents must be removed, and the cap or screw lid included. The photo shows examples of three generic types that are accepted, though there are larger- and smaller-sized containers in a variety of colors that are also acceptable.



The Lions continue to accept used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Glasses should not be damaged and not be in cases. Hearing aids can be in cases and can also be donated with batteries. The simplest way to package any of the three items is in plastic grocery store bags.

There are two places in which these donations can be deposited. The first is in the large drive-up container at the rear of the Welcome Center. Access can be gained by driving around the right side to the old bank drive-up area. The deposit container is located on the center island. The other location where donations can be made is at the Gary Stuart Edward Jones office in Chota Center, opposite the TVCC offices. This can only be accessed during business hours, so the Welcome Center location is likely more convenient and is the preferred drop-off point.

The Tellico Village Lions Club appreciates the support from Villagers in this collection operation. Keep up the good work!

### SHOP TV

Owner Michael Ruppert and the brokers at Lakeside Real Estate Group have been introducing families to the leisure living of the Tellico Lake area since 1989. Dedicated to the growth and success of this community, Lakeside Real Estate Group is committed to offering unsurpassed real estate service to both buyers and sellers. To learn more about Lakeside Real Estate Group, visit their website at www. lakesideonline.com or call 865-458-9600.



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# **TELLICO PLAYERS**

Tickets are on sale now for Neil Simon's *The Dinner Party*!

Reserved seats at \$21 for the farce/drama *The Dinner Party* by Neil Simon are on sale on the Tellico Community Players website: www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org. (Click on tickets to purchase.)

Dates for this first Players performance of 2019 are Thursday, February 21st – Saturday, February 23rd, and Thursday February 28th – Sunday March 3rd. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m., except for the matinee on Sunday, March 3rd, which begins at 1:30 p.m.

In this hilarious story directed by Steve Mayberry, five people are invited to dine at a first-rate restaurant in Paris. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tossed together in a private dining room, they have a sneaking suspicion that this unorthodox dinner party will forever change their lives. It is eventually revealed that the guests at this dinner were once married and divorced from one another!

Neil Simon, who was married five times, drew upon his own experiences to create the thematic materials for this farce-turned drama.

### The cast includes:

Sauni Rinehart as Yvonne Fouchet, Len Willis as Andre Bouville, Sue Aukerman as Mariette Levieux, James Fisher as Claude Pichon, Steve Allen as Albert Donay, and Marlyce-Jean Dezzutti as Gabrielle Buonocelli.

Steve Allen also is producing. Sponsoed by Dr. Timothy Gardner, DPM.

# TV UNIVERSITY IS NOW OPEN FOR 2019!

Class details and registration links can be found on the TVU website at <a href="https://www.tvuniversity.org">www.tvuniversity.org</a> under the Spring 2019 tab in the menu bar.

# The Life and Times of General Winfield Scott: America in the Early 1800s: February 22, March 1 & 8 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Chota Rec Center room D)

Villager Jackie Curtiss is back with another selection of history through her unique style of storytelling. If you've attended a class with Jackie before, you know you are in for a treat. General Scott was one of the youngest generals ever in the War of 1812, led the Trail of Tears, took the US Army to victory in the Mexican-American War, and was still head of the army at the start of the Civil War. Along the way, he also ran for President.

#### Navigating Conflict Successfully: March 12th / 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Chota Rec Center room D)

This class is presented by Villager Nikki Calvano, JD, MS - Strategic Leadership. Do you engage in groups where there are people who always raise conflicting ideas, experiences, and preferences? This session will be helpful for anyone who plays a leadership role in any type of organization, whether it's a Tellico Village organization, a community project, a church, or a professional or special interest group of any kind. Here's your chance to learn techniques and gain insights into identifying conflict and guiding others to use conflict in a constructive way.

# Just Punishment: A Look At Incarceration and its Purpose in the Criminal Justice System: March 13th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Chota Rec Center room D)

Dr. Regina Benedict, Criminal Justice Professor at Maryville College, provides an overview of the following: justifications of punishment and how they relate to current practices within adult corrections, incarceration as a gendered experience by comparing male and female inmates and facilities, inmate subcultures and coping during incarceration and the prevalence of drugs and addiction within prisons, and current practices of rehabilitation. Please make this class known to your neighbors, church friends, and those who do any type of ministry or social program with incarcerated people.

### iPhone/iPad Basics: February 13th & 14th / 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Welcome Center)

Have you recently upgraded from a flip phone to an iPhone? Perhaps you've had your iPhone for a while but only use it for phone calls? If you'd like to learn how to take advantage of its many tools and features, as well as the countless number of apps available for download, register today for this workshop! You must bring an iPhone or iPad to this workshop, as well as your Apple ID and password. During this 4-hour workshop, you will learn about the following: different iPhone/iPad models, care, charging, and buttons, understanding settings, changing wallpaper, managing apps, searching, organizing folders, connecting to a computer, iCloud basics printing, troubleshooting, and using built-in apps such as contacts, calendar, camera, mail, iMessage, safari, and iTunes. Register here: www.socialmedia4seniors.net

#### Online Shopping: February 13th / 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Welcome Center)

Do you want to shop online but are afraid to do so? Are you unsure of what information to give out? Let us teach you how to shop online safely and securely during this 2-hour class. We will discuss the following: how to create and maintain your accounts safely, using credit cards vs. debit cards, trusted online retailers, email and tracking shipments, and shopping apps. Please bring a laptop, smartphone and/or tablet during this class; we will demonstrate how to navigate different shopping apps and websites on all of these devices. Register here: www.socialmedia4seniors.net

#### Windows 10 Basics: February 14th / 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Welcome Center)

Have you recently upgraded to Windows 10? Does it look foreign to you compared to the Windows version you used previously? We will walk you through the entire layout of Windows 10, show you the updates from Windows 8, and answer all your questions. In this 2-hour workshop, you will learn all about the Windows 10 desktop, how to navigate Windows 10 and its settings, how to pin apps to taskbar or desktop for ease of use, and how to use Cortana, Microsoft OneDrive, Windows Store, Windows Defender, Microsoft Edge. You must bring a laptop with Windows 10 to this workshop.

Register here: www.socialmedia4seniors.net

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

# TOQUA AND KAHITE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES



# **YOU'RE INVITED!**



Please join us for an exciting Ground Breaking Ceremony!

The Tellico Village Property Owners Association invites you to attend the official groundbreaking ceremonies for the Toqua Clubhouse and the Kahite Community Center.

When and Where:

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Toqua Clubhouse 10:00 a.m. Kahite Community Center 11:30 a.m.

Immediately following the ceremony at Kahite, a champagne toast will be served in the Kahite Pub & Grill to celebrate the groundbreaking for both projects.

You are encouraged to stay and enjoy a special priced celebratory lunch which will also be available at the Pub!

### **Brief Project Updates:**

Kahite Community Center: They have staked out the building pad and are currently waiting for it to dry. Toqua Clubhouse: Demolition is 100% complete! Once the site is dry, the next step will be to lay out the building pad.

# TELLICO VILLAGE FISHING CLUB

The Tellico Village Fishing Club's monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Tellico Village Yacht Club (top floor). Club meetings feature fishing-related guest speakers and discussions about various club fishing activities and events. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Club President Pete Young at 865-458-1527 or visit www.tellicovillagefishinggroup.com.

# TELLICO CRUISING CLUB

The Tellico Cruising Club, the area's largest boating club, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 13th at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m with the meeting immediately following at 6:00 p.m. All boaters on Tellico Lake with any percentage of boat ownership is eligible for membership. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact Commander Pat Ezell at 513-257-5279.

# **TELLICO RIDERS**

On Thursday, February 14th, the Tellico Riders will conduct their monthly meeting at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Tellico Village Yacht Club bar, followed by a meeting on the 3rd floor at 6:00 p.m. If you own a motorcycle, ride in East Tennessee, or would like to meet those that do, come join us. After the meeting, you have the option to join many of the Tellico Riders for dinner in the Yacht Club dining room. We recommend placing your dinner order during the social hour, and tell them you are with the Tellico Riders. For additional information, please contact Tellico Riders Director Dave Johnson at ae0e@hotmail.com.

# TANASI CLOSED FOR BREAKFAST MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

On Monday, February 18th, Suburban Propane will replacing the propane tank, as the current tank is faulty. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will try to keep the shutdown as short as possible.

# TELLICO VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Medicare 101: February 19, 2019 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Library Conference Room)

Presenter is Bruce Landis from Providence Advisors Group. To register, call the TV Public Library at 865-458-5199. There is no fee for this presentation.

# Medicare's Greatest Weakness: Extended Care: February 20, 2019 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Library Conference Room)

Presenter is Bruce Landis from Providence Advisors Group. To register, call the TV Public Library at 865-458-5199. There is no fee for this presentation.

### **April 2019 Library Book Sale:**

Drop off dates: February 3 – April 14, 2019

Drop off Locations: Chota Recreation Center, Tellico Village Welcome Center, Tellico Village Wellness Center, The Public Library of Tellico Village.

We are collecting the following items: hardcover books, paperback books, puzzles, cookbooks, children's books, games, DVDs, and CDs.

### HIKE THE EAST LAKESHORE TRAIL

Join us Tuesday, February 19th to hike 3 miles of the Mizel Bluff Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail. This month we will be hiking the southern section of the branch, which is very flat and runs along the lakeshore. We will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to the trail head. Hikers from Kahite can meet us at 9:15 a.m. at the Antioch Church Road Trailhead, located at the end of Antioch Church Road West. The East Lakeshore Trails are just across the lake and are some of the most beautiful and accessible hiking trails in East Tennessee. If you would like to become more familiar with these trails or would just like to take a short 2-3-mile hike, join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All monthly hikes should finish no later than 11:30 a.m. Your hike leaders are Larry Elder and Jon Foreman. For additional information, feel free to contact Larry at lelder49@gmail.com / 865-657-9722 or Jon at for4man@charter.net / 412-337-5500.

# TV SOLO CLUB

TV Solo Club will meet Wednesday, February 20th on the top floor of the Yacht Club at 5:00 p.m. Join us for dinner following the meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue Heron. Sign up is open for upcoming events in February and March. Dues are \$15.00 for 2019.

# TV HIKERS

**Honey Creek Loop at Big South Fork** 

**Distance:** 5.6 miles **Elevation Gain:** 500 feet

**Rating:** Difficult **Driving Time:** 2 hours **Leader:** Ken Van Swearingen | 815-245-0247 | ken.vans918@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 20th Depart at 8:00 a.m. from Lakeside Realty parking lot

It's only a 5.6-mile trail on paper, but the hike is an adventure. I isn't a typical walk through the woods or big elevation gain – yet everything about the primitive feeling Honey Creek Loop hike brings fun, including the many names of the different landmarks along the way. Around each corner lies landmarks such as Echo Rock, Boulder



House Falls, or Ice Castle Falls, and an enormous rock house called "The Great Room." There will be large boulders to climb over and some to go through, along with a "lookout tower" to climb, plus multiple creek crossings. Located at the south end of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Honey Creek Loop trail is one of the park's most rugged and challenging trails, but this trail offers a little something for everyone. Although it is only 5.6 miles, hiking time will approach 5 hours due to the beautiful scenery, creek crossings, and boulder climbs. Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Bring water and a trail lunch. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Carpooling is recommended; passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas.

Image is from Honey Creek hike, May 2018. Photos from 2018 hikes are posted in TellicoLife Circle. To view, visit the TV Hikers page at <a href="https://www.tellicolife.org/">https://www.tellicolife.org/</a>.

# SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

### Tellico Men's Senior Softball League - New Player Meeting

Join us Tuesday, February 26th at Chota Rec. Center at 1:30 p.m.

- Open to all men 55 and over (by December 31st, 2019) residing in Loudon County and surrounding communities
- Slow pitch, 7-inning, 8-game season in the spring and 8 games in the fall
- Cost to play \$50 (includes both seasons) pays for field rental, bats, balls, etc.
- Games are played at Loudon Municipal Park off Hwy 72 (about 1 mile east of I-75)
- Games are scheduled on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. beginning March 19th

### TV SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

Give Our Regards to Broadway is the theme of the Spring 2019 concert by the Tellico Village Singers and the Tellico Voices. As part of the Fine Arts Concert Series of the Community Church at Tellico Village, the Singers and Voices will perform on two nights, March 3rd and March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church. The performances will include old Broadway classics with songs you will recognize; among the many classic pieces will be songs from My Fair Lady, The Music Man, and Oklahoma. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at Sloan's Hardware, Village Salon, United Community Bank, and Tellico Community Church.







# 2019 LADIES LINKSTERS GOLF ORIENTATION MEETING

The Tellico Village Ladies Linksters Golf Association League will hold its orientation and registration meeting on March 6th at the Yacht Club from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Our league emphasizes fun while playing golf! Whether you are a beginner or looking to improve your knowledge and experience, we are the league for you. We play nine holes every Tuesday morning, rotating between all three golf courses in the Village. Please note: no established handicap is required to join our league. Golf professional Adam Jacob will discuss the "Team Lady Linksters," how to use Chelsea, new golf rules, and the schedule for the upcoming season.

If you can't attend the meeting, please pick up a registration form at any of the pro shops and mail your completed registration form and \$15 check made payable to Lady Linksters C/O Lisa Tucker.

The season will begin with a scramble at 9:00 a.m. on April 2nd at Toqua Golf Course.

# TV LIONS CHILI / SOUP DINNER

You can't yet hear the sounds of plates rattling, vegetables being sliced, ground beef simmering, or the myriad of other noises that accompany preparations for this event – but you will hear them in the near future. They will be emanating from the Christian Life Center of Tellico Community Church in the wee hours of March 12, 2019.

This dinner is the first of five annual fundraising events presented by the Tellico Village Lions. The proceeds support the many community service activities the Lions carry out each year. The key to the success of this and other events is support from Village residents. That annual support translates into almost \$40,000, every cent of which is returned to the community by efforts of the club's 56 members. These efforts include health fairs at the Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City and the Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville, vision screening in county schools from nursery and pre-school to grade 12, and cash donations to countless service organizations in the Village, the county, east Tennessee and in a few cases, the nation.

Preparation is overseen by Lion Mario Catani assisted by Lion Larry Stickler preparing the chili, chicken noodle soup and the antipasto by Lion spouse Linda Stickler, Mayfield ice cream served by POA Chair and Lion Bruce Johnson, and bread and beverages served by other Lions and their spouses. In addition to a great menu, the evening provides a great opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors.

Tickets are currently on sale, priced at \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door. They can be obtained from any Lion, Sloan's Hardware, Village Salon or United Community Bank. If you don't know a Lion or the locations are not convenient, please contact Lion Marcia Higby at 865-458-9356 or marcia42@sbcglobal.net.



Lion Doris Catani serving the great antipasto at the 2018 event



A portion of the crowd enjoying dinner and socializing with friends

# **CHARITY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**

Tellico Lake Rotary Club is pleased to announce it will be holding its annual Charity Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the beautiful Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Tellico Village.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be former SEC Commissioner, Roy Kramer. Roy was appointed Commissioner in 1990 and served for 12 years. During his time with the SEC, the conference won 81 national championships – the most ever in a decade by the league. He oversaw the distribution of a then-league record, \$95.7 million to its member institutions for 2001 – 2002. Kramer also negotiated multi-sport national television packages with CBS and ESPN, featuring football and men's and women's basketball through the 2008 – 2009 season. Because of his influence, the Men's and Women's SEC Athlete of the Year Award is presented annually as the Roy F. Kramer Award.

Roy is a dynamic speaker with great stories to share and is well-loved by all who have worked with him. Even in his retirement years, current SEC coaches and athletic directors continue to seek his advice and counsel. This will be a rare opportunity to meet and hear from one of the college sports pioneers who helped elevate the SEC conference to what it is today.

Come be a part of this exciting event where we honor our charities and scholarship winners and hold our famous silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale February 18th. Tickets must be purchased in advance from any Tellico Lake Rotary Club member, the First Baptist Church office 865-408-0110, or United Community Bank. You may also call John or Sue Everson at 423-884-3369 to reserve your tickets. Please make checks payable to Tellico Lake Rotary Foundation.





### Tiki Friday – Valentines Party

February 15th, 2019 at Tellico Village Yacht Club

DJ Steve (Steve Bartolone)
Music – Dancing - Fun





All you need is love, but dinner and dancing doesn't hurt either.

Celebrate your love at the Yacht Club on February 15<sup>th</sup>! Start with Dinner at the Blue Heron and then music and dancing at Tiki Bar. When you slow dance, you hold and touch one another for longer than a hug!





INCLUDES TAX & GRATUITY

#### Tellico Village Yacht Çlub Buffalo Trace Antique Dinner February 28, 2019 6:30PM Cocktail Greeting: Buffalo Trace Old Fashioned Turbinado Simple Syrup, Orange Bitters, Aromatic Bitters, Luxardo Maraschino Cherry, Flamed Orange PLATED APPETIZER TRIO: Crispy-fried commeal oyster with bourbon aioli Wagyu beef tartare on polenta cake Braised pork belly with bourbon-caramel glaze and housemade pickle Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye On the rocks FIRST COURSE: Ripe Pear and mixed greens salad with bourbon-pomegranate vinaigrette and candied pecan ENTREE: Olive oil, fresh herb, and bourbon marinated charred tenderloin,, Luxardo sweet-hot barbecue and smoked tomato bearnaise, bleu cheese potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables. Old Rip Van Winkle 10 year & Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15 year Neat DESSERT: Bananas Foster Bread Pudding Brioche, vanilla custard, cinnamon-bourbon sauce, vanilla bean ice cream Buffalo Trace Cream Coffee Very limited seating, for reservations call: 865-438-4363 \$225 Per Person \*All inclusive of Tax and Gratuities\*





The first organization/information meeting for the post's proposed Auxiliary will be at 8PM on Wednesday, February 20th, in the Yacht Club

Are you looking to give back to your community and help support those that have served our country?

To be a member you must:

Be a citizen of the United States or a U,S, National and be at least 16 years old.

You need to be a Husband or Wife, Widower or Widow, Father or Mother, Grandfather or Grandmother, Son or Daughter, Grandson or Granddaugher. or Brother/Sister of the person that has received a campaign medal for service: have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea: or received hostle fire or imminlent danger pay.

For information Call Jim Jorgensen - 865-458-2792















# **PETS OF THE WEEK:**



Meet Tina and Brazil! Tina is an indoor-only, sweet little Tuxedo who came in with her three kittens and is now finished nursing them. She is less than a year old and was too young to have had babies. She is very social and outgoing, a bundle of affection, and will adjust well to a household that will adore her — as she deserves! Brazil is a 6-month-old male with very unique markings. He is a brown tabby with striped legs but his body has the ticked fur like an Abyssinian. He also has a very distinct M on his forehead. He has tons of purr-sonality! Like Tina, Brazil is an indoor-only cat, outgoing, cuddly, and affectionate. He would be the perfect addition to a loving home with people who will return his affection!

Please come by the shelter to meet all available cats! We even have kittens that are available now and some that will be ready in the coming weeks. All animals adopted are spayed or neutered, have age-appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped with registration. Cats are litter box trained. \$40 adoption fee over 2 years old, \$50 under 2 years old.

Cats are notorious for their appreciation of the fine lounging places in life, but despite their reputation for snoozing, they also enjoy stretching their legs and daily exercise. Fortunately for cat owners, exercising a cat doesn't require much time or energy. It's estimated that between 25 and 40 percent of cats seen by veterinarians in the US are overweight, with many being obese. Obesity is also associated with several medical problems, including increased chance of arthritis, ligament damage, diabetes mellitus, breathing difficulties, liver problems, surgical risk, and urinary tract disease.

Although reducing food intake (ask your veterinarian about the safest way to do this) is the number one way to combat obesity, increasing exercise is also helpful and should be part of every cat's daily routine. Exercise is important not only to keep your cat fit and trim, but also for mental stimulation. Single cats, especially young cats, that are left alone all day with nothing to do, can create their own games that may not be ideal for your household belongings. A cat with a playmate and a well-exercised cat is more likely to be a content cat.

Shelter statistics for last week: Intakes- 42; Shelter adoptions- 8; Transferred to rescue- 35, Animals returned to owners- 3.

The Monroe County Animal Shelter is located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart) and is open Tuesday – Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 423-442-1015 and check out available pets on our website: https://www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org/. Our official Facebook page is "TN Monroe County Animal Shelter." Adoption gift certificates are available all year.